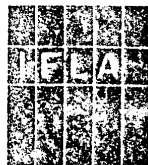


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## IFLA OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS SECTION NEWSLETTER

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A lot has happened since our last newsletter. The Official Publications Section & Standing Committee enjoyed successful meetings and programs at Leipzig. Mme. Boisard was elected Chair & I was elected Secretary. As secretary, the job of editing the Section's newsletter is mine. In order to make the newsletter useful to you, I need news about you & what is happening in your country.

International Conference of Government publishers, printers, librarians and users

The IFLA Professional Board approved the holding of an international conference of Government publishers, printers, librarians and users immediately after the IFLA Conference in Montreal. The IFLA OP Standing Committee directed me to prepare a plan & to obtain funding. Following are basic facts about the Saratoga Springs Conference and a preliminary program. I would appreciate hearing, as soon as possible, suggestions for panelists, group leaders, recorders and invitees. The size of the registration fee will be determined after we have a better picture of funding from other sources.

I visited Skidmore College over Columbus Day weekend & was impressed with the campus facilities & the eagerness of the librarians, faculty & staff to make this a great conference. Members of the New York Capitol District Documents Group have been working on local arrangements under the energetic leadership of Barbara Smith of Skidmore College. The committee includes Suzanne Aiardo, Dorothy Burton, Dorothy Butch, Polly Farrington, Judy Herron, Tae Moon Lee, Joe Morehead, & Zina Shevchik.

Facts about the Saratoga Springs Conference

- PURPOSE:
1. To improve cooperation & communication among Government printers, publishers, librarians & users of Government information.
  2. To facilitate the exchange of experiences & ideas in order to promote improved access & services.
  3. To promote the results of the OP Section's study on availability & use of Government publications in libraries around the world.

WHERE: Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs in beautiful upstate New York

WHEN: Sunday evening, August 29th to Wednesday noon, September 1st, 1982

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Room & board at Skidmore College from Sunday evening to Wednesday noon, including Sunday buffet, 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners and dinner at the Harness track, bus transportation \$120 per person

THE SARATOGA SPRINGS CONFERENCE

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

1:00 - 5:00 pm Registration & room assignments  
 5:00 - 6:00 pm Cocktail party in exhibit area  
 6:30 - 8:30 pm Buffet & welcoming ceremonies  
 9:00 - 11:00 pm Night at the "Flicks" (movies & slides by Government publishers & others)

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 - 10:30 am "Production of Government information" panel of producers & users  
 10:30 - 11:00 am Break  
 11:00 - 12:00 N Small group sessions on "Production"  
 12:15 - 1:15 pm Lunch  
 2:00 - 3:30 pm "Distribution & receipt of Government information" panel of distributors & users  
 3:30 - 4:00 pm Break  
 4:00 - 5:00 pm Small group session on "Distribution"  
 6:00 - 11:00 pm Night at the "races" dinner at the Harness track

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 - 10:30 am "Bibliographic control of Government information" panel of indexers & users  
 10:30 - 11:00 am Break  
 11:00 - 12:00 N Small group sessions on "Bibliographic control"  
 12:15 - 1:15 pm Lunch  
 2:00 - 3:30 pm "Availability & use of Government information" Presentation of Official Publications Section's study on availability of Government information in libraries throughout the world.  
 3:30 - 4:00 pm Break  
 4:00 - 5:00 pm Small group session on "Availability"  
 5:00 - ? Free evening

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 - 10:30 am "Wrap up session" presentation and discussion of resolutions & recommendations from small group sessions  
 11:30 - 12:15 pm Lunch  
 12:30 pm Bus leaves for bus and train stations

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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

47th Council meeting, Leipzig, 17-21 August 1981

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS SECTION

Report of the first standing committee meeting

1. The first standing committee meeting was held on Sunday August 16th.
2. Present from the old standing committee: Mme. G Boisard, Ms. B E A Hoduski, Ms. E Johansson and Dr. V Popov. In attendance from the new standing committee: Dr. L Marulli-Koenig. Apologies were received from M.J Y Gendreau, Ms. A Stauch, Mr. I F A de Villiers, Mr. E Gaskell and Mr. R L Cope and a colleague was attending for Mrs. E Mayo-Znak.
3. Report of the Manila meeting

Ms. Hoduski reported briefly on the results of the IFLA meeting in Manila, mentioning the endorsement of the projects for a handbook, the directory of official publications, and a study of the definition of official publications.

Dr. Popov told the meeting that the idea which had arisen at Manila of an international conference of experts on official publications to take place in association with the IFLA conference in Montreal had now been approved by the Professional Board, on condition (a) that it did not overlap with the pre-conference seminar on education and training (b) that no IFLA money was requested. It was agreed that the conference on official publications should take place after Montreal, and that the object would be to attract the attendance of users, government printers and officials responsible for publishing as well as librarians. BH and EJ would prepare a proposal covering costs and the timetable for further discussion by the second standing committee meeting. BH would contact some possible sponsors while in Leipzig (including the American Library Association and the Canadian Library Association).

4. Chairman's report 1980/81

Dr. Popov passed on a request from the Professional Co-ordinator for all Sections to examine the Medium-Term Programme draft in order to make comments or any alterations to him during the Leipzig meeting.

The UAP congress planned for Paris on May 3-7 1982 would now include publishers and authors and other invitees, including some organisations which did not support the concept of UAP : government officials would still be present but would not be there in a representative capacity. It appeared that the congress would no longer offer the scope which the Official Publications Section had hoped for to promote the results of the study of availability and use to officials responsible for government publishing. It was still unclear who would be invited by Unesco to attend, or what papers would be presented.

The new executive committee should monitor developments. It was noted that Dr. Marulli-Koenig would be invited to attend the UAP congress, so the Section would have a representative there.

5. Report of progress of the study of availability and use of official publications in libraries

The progress report was presented by Ms. Johansson. The first stage of the study was now completed, with the accounts closed, and application had been made to Unesco for funds for the second stage.

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The content of the questionnaire had been drawn upon by Dr. Marulli-Koenig as a basis for a questionnaire which she was preparing for a Unesco study of the use of UN publications in countries of the third world.

6. Proposal for a study of the use of official information by social scientists

The researcher who had presented an earlier feasibility study, Mr. S Roberts, was present at Manila and hoped to be able to discuss with Section members and others the methodology of the proposed study and the choice of countries. He would attend the Section's open meetings and the second standing committee meeting.

7. Future programme

The Chairman requested additional ideas for future projects, in particular joint meetings and joint projects with other Sections.

8. Correspondence

There had been no correspondence other than on routine matters.

9. Any other business

Mme. Boisard mentioned that, because the working party on corporate headings had not been able to reach agreement on the headings for religious bodies, a report had been commissioned from Fr. Thomas Pater. The report however had not been circulated to members of the Official Publications Section, only to members of the Cataloguing Section. Efforts would be made to obtain another copy and scrutinise it.

Dr. Popov reminded members of the new standing committee of the possibility of co-opting new members in order to increase the size of the standing committee. It was noted again that there was no standing committee member from any of the third-world countries.

Report of the open meetings

1. The open meetings of the Section were held on August 18. 35 people attended the first and 30 the second.
2. The reports of the year's work and on progress with the study of availability and use were presented, and thanks extended to the Section members and others who had helped with different aspects of the study.
3. The draft Medium-Term programme for IFLA as a whole was mentioned, and the Professional Co-ordinator's request for comments on the programme in general was passed on.

It was agreed to introduce some changes into the medium-term programme of the Section, which was felt to have grown to unmanageable proportions. Priority should be given to the list of experts, the study of the use of official information by social scientists, the study of availability and use of official publications in libraries, the directory of government publishing world-wide, the study of the feasibility of large regional collections of official publications, and the organisation of an international meeting of experts in association with the Manila meeting in Montreal.

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It was also agreed that the Section should give attention to the implications of the new ISBD and the AACR rules for corporate headings, though not during the period of the present medium-term programme.

Mr. Stephen Roberts, who had presented the feasibility study for a project on the use of official information by social scientists to the Copenhagen meeting in 1979, was present to discuss the idea of a follow-up study. Following his Copenhagen report, three possible lines of approach had been identified and discussions with officers of the Section had proposed a methodology using a network of collaborators in different countries. Mr. Roberts emphasised the importance of achieving practical results and of drawing recommendations specifically for improvements to library service out of the conclusions of any such survey.

4. Ms. Hoduski described the plan to organise an international meeting of experts on official publications immediately after the IFLA meeting in Montreal. The objective would be to attract government printers and officials responsible for government publishing, and end-users, as well as librarians and to structure the proceedings so as to permit a free exchange of experience. Skidmore College at Saratoga Springs was a possible venue, and funding was being sought. The Professional Board had approved the plan.

Ms. Hoduski asked for comments and help from Section members in identifying the responsible officials who might be invited and in ensuring that a genuinely international attendance was achieved.

5. The paper on the definition of official publications was discussed, and there was general agreement that
  - (a) the object should be a practical definition for use by librarians and by the other Sections of IFLA
  - (b) the definition should consist of a common core, which would apply to all countries, with a list of categories of materials which would be included or excepted depending upon the country under discussion
  - (c) that the definition should embody the phrase "and which are considered in the country concerned to be official".

Ms. Johansson agreed to prepare a revised definition for circulation to all Section members and to other interested Sections as a consultative document in time to consider and incorporate comments and prepare a final proposal for presentation at Montreal.

#### Report of the second standing committee meeting

1. The second standing committee meeting was held on August 20th.
2. Present from the old standing committee were Mme. G Boisard, M.J Y Gendreau, Ms. B E A Hoduski, Ms. E Johansson, and Dr. V Popov, and, from the new standing committee, Dr. L Marulli-Koenig.
3. Election of Chairman and Secretary

Mme. Boisard and Ms. Hoduski were proposed for the position of chairman, and, after the ballot, Mme. Boisard was elected. Ms. Hoduski was proposed for the position of secretary and elected: there was no other nomination.

4. Election of financial officer

The new executive committee would decide whether or not to ask another committee member to keep the accounts, and would seek the advice of the Professional Board if they did.

5. Draft rules for corporate headings

The draft rules for religious bodies proposed by Fr. Thomas Pater had been discussed by Mme. Boisard and Ms. Hoduski. The following resolution was discussed, agreed, and communicated to the standing committee of the Section on Cataloguing by Fr. Pater:

"The Official Publications Section accepts Thomas Pater's recommendations on Headings for Religious Bodies with two provisions:

1. Rule 32 should stay the same as in the provisional rules
2. The name of the religion be added to local bodies  
e.g. St. Paul's Church (London, Eng. : Anglican).

We further recommend that examples be provided for all types of religions under all appropriate rules."

6. Future programme

The conclusion reached by the open meeting of the Section concerning the projects to be retained in the medium-term programme was reviewed and precise priorities agreed:

A. To be retained in the MTP (in order of priority)

1. Completion of the study on availability and use of official publications in libraries
2. Organisation of a meeting of experts on official publications following the IFLA Conference in Montreal, August 1982
3. Publication of the list of experts on official publications
4. Study of the use of official information by social scientists
5. Directory of sources of official publications world-wide
6. Study of the feasibility, organisation and economics of large regional collections.

No. 4 should if possible be a joint project with the Section of Social Science Libraries; Mme. Boisard undertook to write to them.

No. 6 would be the subject of a further report by Dr. Popov at Montreal.

B. To be deferred (until the end of the present MTP : in no particular order)

1. Study of the organisation of official publications collections in libraries (to be reviewed upon completion of the study of availability and use)
2. Study of copyright protection of official publications world-wide

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3. Handbook to official publications work
4. Study of the definitions of official publications in use in libraries.

Ms. Johansson undertook to write to Miss. A E Miller about no.1.

C. To be abandoned

1. Study of the availability of official gazettes in libraries
2. Preparation of a training kit for official publications work (to be treated as a part of the proposed handbook.)

Ms. Johansson undertook to write to Mr. de Villiers about no.1.

7. Montreal conference 1982

It was agreed to arrange for two open meetings. One would be on the theme of networks, on the bibliographic systems run by the USGPO/Library of Congress in the USA and by the Guelph Library System in Canada. The second would present the final report by Mr. J J Cherns on the study of availability and use of official publications in libraries, and also a paper by Mr. El-Hush Abubakr on the official publications of Libya.

8. Publications of the international intergovernmental organisations

A document from the International Documents Task Force of the Government Documents Round Table of the American Library Association was presented, which recommended the institution of a microfiche programme for UN documents, with financial backing of some depository libraries if necessary, and improved bibliographic control.

Dr. Marulli-Koenig told the meeting of an attempt by the UN Library to identify support for the provision of more of its documents and publications on microfiche: there had been general approval among depository libraries, some of whom were prepared to commit funds, and a committee of editors and UN librarians and officers of the UN Publications Office was now meeting to discuss costs and technical problems. It was agreed that the Section would write to the Director of the UN Library to express its support for greater availability of microfiche.

9. Meeting of official publications experts in 1982

Ms. Hoduski and Ms. Johansson presented a statement of objectives and rough cost estimates. It was likely that Saratoga Springs in New York State would provide a suitable venue, and that August 29 - September 2 would offer suitable dates.

Ms. Hoduski agreed to prepare a draft programme for circulation to all members as soon as possible together with a request for suggestions of names of potential participants from as many countries as possible. Ms. Hoduski would also call together an organising committee of North American librarians, and contact possible sponsors.

Minutes from the Leipzig meeting were compiled by the outgoing secretary, Eve Johansson

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